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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 19-32 and 38-53.

- 1. (Original) A content delivery method comprising establishing a set of user preferences related to delivery of content, sourcing content in response to a request received from a terminal connected to a network and selecting based on said set of user preferences a network over which to deliver said content to said terminal.
- 2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising maintaining in an agent a log of sourced content relating to the request.
- 3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 2, comprising maintaining in the log an indication of the delivery status of the content.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in any preceding claim 1, comprising acknowledging receipt of the content over a or the duplex network.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 3 and claim 4, comprising updating the delivery status of the log on receiving an acknowledgement receipt.

- 6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in any preceding claim 1, comprising notifying over a duplex network the terminal prior to the delivery of content over a simplex network.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in any preceding claim 1, in which the user preferences relate to cost and/or delivery timing preferences.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in any preceding claim 1, comprising reviewing content items on a data carousel, and determining from the reviewing step if any forthcoming content matches the user request.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in any preceding claim 1, comprising conducting a search for content relating to the request, preferably using the internet.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in any preceding claim 1, comprising storing in a or the agent information relating to the last update of content relating to the request.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in-any preceding claim 1, comprising storing in a or the agent information relating to the user's time and/or frequency of updating preferences.

- 12. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in any preceding-claim 1, comprising storing in a or the agent information relating to domains to which searching relating to the content request is limited.
- 13. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in any preceding claim 1, comprising storing in an agent user preferences relating to plural users.
- 14. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 13, comprising sourcing an item of content, and sending the content to plural users.
- 15. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 14, comprising maintaining in the agent a log of which users have received the item of content.
- 16. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in any of claims 13 to 15, in which the plural users each are able to define a relevance level of content of which they require delivery.
- 17. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in any-of claims 13-to-16, comprising periodically sourcing content, and using the user preferences for the plural users to determine which users the content is required by.
- 18. (Original) An agent connectable to a network, the agent being operable to establish a set of user preferences relating to delivery of content to a user terminal, to source content in response to a user request, and to deliver said content to a

user terminal over a network selected in dependence on said set of user preferences.

Claims 19-32 cancelled

- 33. (Original) A content delivery system comprising a first duplex network, a second network and a user terminal connectable to said first and second networks, wherein the system further comprises an agent connectable to said first and second networks, the agent being operable to source content in response to a user request received from said user terminal via said first network and to deliver said content to said terminal over a network selected in accordance with a set of user preferences.
- 34. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 33, in which the user preferences are established by the agent.
- 35. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 33, in which the user preferences are generated by the terminal.
- 36. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in any of claims 33 to 35, in which the second network is a simplex network.
- 37. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 36, comprising means for notifying over the first network the terminal prior to the delivery of content over the second network.

Claims 38-53 cancelled.